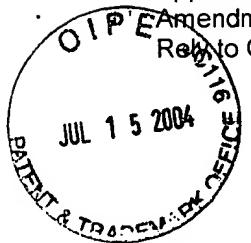


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to a non-final Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, the shortened statutory response period for which is extended by one month to July 10, 2004, by the Petition submitted herewith. Further, since July 10, 2004, falls on a Saturday, this communication is timely submitted if filed on July 12, 2004. Please enter the following remarks, and the attached Statement of Common Ownership and Terminal Disclaimer, in the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6-17, 23 and 24 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by U.S. Patent 6,333,029 to Vyakarnam et al. ("the Vyakarnam Patent"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The tissue scaffolding of independent Claim 1 has a porous ceramic phase